



Staples Building Awarded
EPA's ENERGY STAR® for Superior Energy Efficiency (DRAFT)

Congratulations!

Your building has earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) prestigious **ENERGY STAR**, the national symbol for protecting the environment through superior energy efficiency.

Improving the energy efficiency of our nation's buildings is critical to protecting the environment. We are pleased to accept the EPA's ENERGY STAR in recognition of our energy efficiency efforts. Through this achievement, we have demonstrated our commitment to help improve energy efficiency while also lower our energy cost.

Through your staff's dedication and actions to help save energy, recycle, and promote ENERGY STAR products, you help make a better world for years to come.

- Our commitment to reducing energy use means a cleaner, safer environment for everyone in the future.
- We minimize our greenhouse gas emissions, save money on energy costs, and decrease our impact on the environment and global climate change.
- The buildings where Americans work, shop, play, and educate our children use about \$200 billion worth of electricity and natural gas each year. By earning ENERGY STAR we use an average of 35 percent less energy and release 35 percent less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that if the energy efficiency of commercial facilities in the U.S. improved by 10 percent, Americans would save about \$20 billion and reduce greenhouse gases equal to the emissions from almost 30 million vehicles.

Your facility is one of the most efficient in the nation. ENERGY STAR certified about 3,900 facilities in the U.S. in 2009. Your facility performs in the top 25 percent of similar facilities nationwide for energy efficiency. We are proud to join the ranks of leaders in energy efficiency.

This is great news for us as an organization, but it's also great news for our staff. In doing our part to protect the environment, we're helping to build a better world for your family and friends. Our hard work today will be for a cleaner, greener tomorrow.

